# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

IN RE:

RAINBOW NATURAL GROCERY COOPERATIVE

**CASE NO. 18-01604-EE** 

**DEBTOR** 

CHAPTER 11

#### NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on September 11, 2018, the Debtor filed its *Motion to Sell Substantially All of the Assets Owned by Rainbow Natural Grocery Cooperative, Free and Clear of Liens, Claims and Interests, with Liens Attaching to Proceeds of Sale, Outside the Ordinary Course of Business* [Docket No. 60]. A copy of the Motion is attached hereto.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that any creditor or party in interest wishing to object to said Motion must file a written objection with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, P. O. Box 2448, Jackson, MS 39225, and a copy must be served upon the attorney for Debtor, J. Walter Newman IV, 587 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157, and the United States Trustee, United States Courthouse, 501 E. Court St., Suite 6-430, Jackson, MS 39201. THE DEADLINE DATE FOR FILING OBJECTIONS TO THE APPLICATION IS TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if an objection is filed, the Court will set a hearing on same. If no objections are timely filed, the Court may enter its Order approving the Motion ex parte. This the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

<u>/s/J. Walter Newman IV</u> J. WALTER NEWMAN IV

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, J. Walter Newman IV, do hereby certify that on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018, a copy of the *Motion to Sell Substantially All of the Assets Owned by Rainbow Natural Grocery Cooperative, Free and Clear of Liens, Claims and Interests, with Liens Attaching to Proceeds of Sale, Outside the Ordinary Course of Business* was served *via* United States Mail, postage pre-paid, and/or *via* electronic service through the Court's CM/ECF System to all parties listed on the Court's Mailing Matrix which is attached hereto.

DATED this the 11th day of September, 2018.

<u>/s/J. Walter Newman IV</u> J. WALTER NEWMAN IV

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DEBTOR

**CHAPTER 11** 

MOTION TO SELL SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE ASSETS OWNED BY RAINBOW NATURAL GROCERY COOPERATIVE, FREE AND CLEAR OF LIENS, CLAIMS AND INTERESTS, WITH LIENS ATTACHING TO PROCEEDS OF SALE, OUTSIDE THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS

COMES NOW, Rainbow Natural Grocery Cooperative (the "Movant" or the "Debtor") and files this, its *Motion to Sell Substantially All of the Assets Owned by Rainbow Natural Grocery Cooperative, Free and Clear of Liens, Claims and Interests, with Liens Attaching to Proceeds of Sale, Outside the Ordinary Course of Business* (the "Motion"), and in support thereof would respectfully show as follows, to-wit:

#### INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1. Debtor initiated this case by the filing of Voluntary Petition under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2018. Movant is the Debtor-in-Possession in this Chapter 11 case. Subsequent thereto, the Debtor has been, and is, the duly qualified, and acting Debtor-in-Possession in this Chapter 11 case. The Debtor is in control of its assets and is managing and operating the Debtor-in-Possession's businesses.
- 2. This Honorable Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter herein and the parties hereto pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, 11 U.S.C. §§ 105, 363, 365, 503, 507, 1107, related statutes, related rules and various orders of reference. This is a core proceeding.
- 3. Debtor, Rainbow Natural Grocery Cooperative operated an organic grocery store up until it closed in August 2018.

- 4. An Application of Debtor to Employ Jeff Speed of Speed Commercial Real Estate as a Broker will be filed simultaneously with this motion. Jeff Speed has conducted extensive negotiations and discussions with various interested parties for the sale of the building located at 2807 Old Canton Road, Jackson, MS 39216 and has received an offer to purchase the building from WBA Investments, LLC ("WBA") dated as of September 4, 2018, a copy of which is attached, incorporated by reference and marked as **Exhibit "A"** hereto. The purchase price is \$725,000.00 and \$10,000.00 earnest money is being held by Speed Commercial Real Estate. A description of the property is attached hereto as **Exhibit "B"**.
- 5. The offer represents the best opportunity for the Debtor to continue to operate and to preserve their going concern value and to generate the greatest return to the creditor and parties in interest.
- 6. The Debtor believes that a sale of its assets as contemplated by this Motion will maximize the value of the estate.
- 7. The Debtor believes that in the event the Motion is approved, the result will be a successful sale of the Debtor's assets.
  - 8. Accordingly, the Debtor at this time seeks authority to sell the assets.
- 9. In addition to the relief set forth above, upon a hearing with respect to the Motion, the Debtor request entry of an order that will, *inter alia*, (i) find that the buyer(s) of the assets has negotiated and purchased in good faith, and (ii)waive any stays, if they exist, set forth in the Bankruptcy Rules so the sale can be closed as soon as possible.
- 10. A prompt sale of the assets to WBA will likely enable the Debtor to realize good value for the assets. The Debtor believes that the terms and conditions set forth in the Motion are fair and equitable to the purchaser and the Debtor, and thus reflect a transaction that will

ultimately result in a successful sale of the Debtor's assets. The Debtor believes that any material delay in consummating the proposed sale of the assets will result in a reduction in the value of the Debtor's assets. Therefore, the Debtor submits that the proposed sale of the assets to WBA is justified and should be approved by the Court.

- 11. In accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 6004(f)(1), sales of property rights outside the ordinary course of business may be by private sale or public auction. The Debtor has determined that a private sale of the assets is in the best interests of the Debtor, its estate, and its creditors.
- 12. Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in relevant part, that a debtor, "after notice and a hearing, may use, sell, or lease, other than in the ordinary course of business, property of the estate." Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in relevant part that "[t]he court may issue any order, process, or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this title."
- 13. Although Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code does not specify a standard for determining when it is appropriate for a court to authorize the use, sale, or lease of property of the estate, bankruptcy courts routinely authorize sales of a debtor's assets if such sale is based upon the second business judgment of the debtor. *See, e.g., In re Trans World Airlines, Inc.*, Case No. 01-00056, 2001 WL 1820326, at \*10-11 (Bankr.D.Del. Apr, 2, 2001); *Meyers v. Martin(In re Martin)*, 901 F.3d 389, 395 (3rd Cir. 1996).
- 14. Courts typically consider the following factors in determining whether a proposed sale satisfies this standard: (a) whether a sound business justification exists for the sale; (b) whether adequate and reasonable notice of the sale was given to interested parties; (c) whether the sale will produce a fair and reasonable price for the property; and (d) whether the

parties have acted in good faith. See In re Del. & Hudson Ry., 124 B.R. at 176. In In re Del. & Hudson Ry., the court further held that:

[o]nce a court is satisfied that there is a sound business reason or an emergency justifying the pre-confirmation sale, the court must also determine that the trustee has provided the interested parties with adequate and reasonable notice, that the sale price is fair and reasonable and that the [proposed] purchaser is proceeding in good faith.

### 124 B.R. at 176.

- 15. The business judgment rule shields a debtor's management from judicial second guessing. See In re Tower Air, 416 F.3d 229, 238 (3d Cir. 2005). Once a debtor articulates a valid business justification, "[t]he business judgment rule is a presumption that directors act in good faith, on an informed basis, honestly believing that their action is in the best interests of the company." Id. Thus, if a debtor's actions satisfy the business judgment rule, then the transaction in question should be approved under section 363(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- A sound business purpose for the sale of a debtor's assets outside the ordinary course of business may be found where such a sale is necessary to preserve the value of assets for the estate, its creditors, or interest holders. *See, e.g., In re Lionel Corp., 722* F.2d 1063,1071 (2nd Cir. 1983). In fact, the paramount goal in any proposed sale of property of the estate is to maximize the proceeds received by the estate. *See In re Food Barn Stores, Inc.,* 107 F.3d 558, 56465 (8th Cir. 1997) (noting that in bankruptcy sales, "a primary objective of the [Bankruptcy] Code [is] to enhance the value of the estate at hand"); *In re Integrated Res., Inc.,* 147 B.R. at 659 ("It is a well established principle of bankruptcy law that the . . . [Debtor's] duty with respect to such sales is to obtain the highest price or greatest overall benefit possible for the estate.") (quoting *In re Atlanta Packaging Prods., Inc.,* 99 B.R. 124,130 (Bankr. N.D. Ga. 1988)). Here, in light of the Debtor's current condition, and prior orders requiring the Debtor to sell the assets,

no further justification is needed.

- Investors LLC and FreshPoint Dallas, Inc., which is licensed as a produce dealer subject to and licensed under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 7 U.S.C. § 499 ("PACA") and holds a valid claim against the Debtor arising from the sale of produce and that is subject to special protection under the PACA Trust. The three secured creditors will be paid in full from the proceeds of the sale for full satisfaction of their claim and will cancel any and all Mortgages or Deeds of Trust or liens of any kind against the property. Also, Debtor is delinquent in its quarterly fees to the Unites States Trustee's office which should be brought current at closing. In addition there may be some taxes that must be paid at closing.
- 18. The sale of the assets will be consummated only after thorough consideration of all viable alternatives and after concluding that such transactions are supported by sound business justifications. Since the Debtor and its secured creditors have agreed that the assets must be sold, the business justifications for the requested sales are self-evident. Based on available information, the Debtor believes that the consideration to be received for the assets will be fair and reasonable under the circumstances.
- 19. The Debtor further submits that it is appropriate to sell the assets free and clear of (i) any Permitted Encumbrances or (ii) any permitted Liens, with any such Liens attached to the net sale proceeds of the assets, as and to the extent applicable. Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes a debtor to sell assets free and clear of liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances if:
  - (1) applicable nonbankruptcy law permits sale of such property free and clear of such interests;
  - (2) such entity consents;
  - (3) such interest is a lien and the price at which such property

- is to be sold is greater than the value of all liens on such property;
- (4) such interest is in bona fide dispute; or
- (5) such entity could be compelled, in a legal or equitable proceeding, to accept a money satisfaction of such interest.
- 20. Because Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code is drafted in the disjunctive, satisfaction of any one of its five requirements will suffice to permit the sale of the assets "free and clear" of Liens. *In re Decora Indus., Inc.*, Case No. 004459 (JJF), 2002 WL 32332749, at \*7 (D. Del. May 20, 2002) ("Because § 363(f) is drafted in the disjunctive, the satisfaction of any of the requirements outlined is sufficient to warrant Debtors' sale of the Debtor's assets free and clear of all Interests").
- 21. The Debtor believes that one or more of the tests of Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code are satisfied with respect to the transfer of the assets and the assignment of contracts and leases. In particular, the Debtor believes that at least Section 363(f)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code will be met in connection with the transactions proposed because the parties holding the secured liens on the assets, will consent, or, absent any objection to this Motion, will be deemed to have consented to, the Motion.
- 22. The holder of the secured liens also will be adequately protected by having their liens attach to the sale proceeds received by the Debtor for the sale of the assets, in the same order of priority, with the same validity, force, and effect that such creditors had prior to such sale, subject to any claims and defenses that the Debtor and its estate may possess with respect thereto. Accordingly, Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes the sale of the assets and the assignment of the contracts and leases free and clear of any such Liens.
- 23. WBA is not liable for any of the Debtor's liabilities as a successor or otherwise, unless WBA expressly assumes such liabilities as provided for in the Contract.

- 24. Although Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code provides for the sale of assets "free and clear of any interests," the term "any interest" is not defined in the Bankruptcy Code. Folger Adam Security v. DeMatteis/MacGregor .IV, 209 F.3d 252, 257 (3d Cir. 2000). In In re Trans World Airlines, Inc., the Third Circuit specifically addressed the scope of the term "any interest." 322 F.3d 283, 28889 (3d Cir. 2003). The Third Circuit observed that while some courts have "narrowly interpreted interests in property to mean in rem interests in property," the trend in modern cases is toward "a more expansive reading of 'interests in property' which 'encompasses other obligations that may flow from ownership of the property." Id. at 289 (citing 3 Collier on Bankruptcy 1363.06[1]).
- 25. Courts have held that a buyer of a debtor's assets pursuant to a Section 363 sale takes free from successor liability resulting from preexisting claims. See The Ninth Ave. Remedial Group v. Allis-Chalmers Corp., 195 B.R. 716, 732 (N.D. Ind. 1996) (stating that a bankruptcy court has the power to sell assets free and clear of any interest that could be brought against the bankruptcy estate during the bankruptcy); MacArthur Co. v. Johns-Manville Corp. (In re Johns-Manville Corp.), 837 F.2d 89, 9394 (2d Cir. 1988) (holding channeling of claims to proceeds consistent with intent of sale free and clear under Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code); In re New England Fish Co., 19 B.R. 323, 329 (Bankr. W.D. Wash. 1982) (holding transfer of property in free and clear sale included free and clear of Title VII employment discrimination and civil rights claims of debtor's employees); In re Hoffman, 53 B.R. 874, 876 (Bankr. D.R.I. 1985) (holding that transfer of liquor license free and clear of any interest permissible even though the estate had unpaid taxes was permissible).
- 26. Here, this Chapter 11 Case was filed in good faith. The sale process has also been, and will be, conducted in good faith and at arm's length. The Debtor expects that if the Court

approves a sale of the assets, it will be able to satisfy the Court that (a) the purchaser engaged in arm's length negotiations with the Debtor and did not exert control or undue influence over the Debtor, (b) the purchaser is a completely and wholly unrelated entity to the Debtor, (c) the purchaser does not, and will not, share any common incorporators, officers, directors, or stockholders with the Debtor, and (d) the purchaser is not an insider of the Debtor.

- 27. For obvious reasons, the very purpose of an order purporting to authorize the transfer of assets free and clear of all "interests" would be frustrated if claimants could thereafter use the transfer as a basis to assert claims against a purchaser arising from a seller's presale conduct. Furthermore, the Debtor will provide notice of the proposed sale to all known parties in interest that may assert claims or interests relating to the assets against the Debtor, including trade creditors, contract counterparties, lenders, and other parties known to the Debtor to be asserting claims relating to the assets.
- 28. Under Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, a purchaser of assets is entitled to know that the assets are not subject to latent claims that will be asserted against the purchaser after the proposed transaction is completed. Accordingly, consistent with the above cited case law, the order approving the sale of the assets may provide that the purchaser of the assets is not liable as a successor under any theory of successor liability, for claims that encumber or relate to the assets.
- 29. Accordingly, absent a showing of fraud, collusion between a purchaser and a debtor, or an attempt by the purchaser to take grossly unfair advantage of other bidders, courts will uphold the transaction under Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code. *See, e.g., In re Trans World Airlines, Inc.*, Case No. Civ. A. 01226 (SLR), 2002 WL 500569, \*1 (D. Del. Mar. 26, 2002) (upholding bankruptcy court's ruling premised on finding that there was 'no evidence of

unlawful insider influence or improper conduct,' nor was there "any evidence of fraud or collusion between [the prevailing purchaser] and [debtors], or [the prevailing purchaser] and other bidders," that sale was in good faith); see also Kabro Assocs. of West Islip, LLC. v. Colony Hill Assocs. (In re Colony Hill Assocs.), Ill. F.3d 269, 276 (2d Cir. 1997) ("Typically, the misconduct that would destroy a purchaser's good faith status at a judicial sale involves fraud, collusion between the purchaser and other bidders or the trustee, or an attempt to take grossly unfair advantage of other bidders.")

Other grounds to be assigned upon a hearing hereof. 30.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Debtor prays that upon a hearing hereof, this Honorable Court will enter its Order granting the Motion and authorizing the Debtor to execute such instruments of transfer as commercially reasonable and necessary to consummate and effectuate the contemplated transaction hereunder, and that the Court will approve the sales of the assets free and clear of liens, claims, encumbrances and interests. The Debtor prays for general relief.

DATED, this the 11th day of September, 2018.

RAINBOW NATURAL **GROCERY COOPERATIVE** 

/s/J. Walter Newman IV J. WALTER NEWMAN IV

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Attorney for Debtor

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, J. WALTER NEWMAN IV, do hereby certify that I have this day served via United States mail, postage prepaid and/or Notice of Electronic Filing, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Pleading to the following:

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Dated this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

<u>/s/J. Walter Newman IV</u> J. WALTER NEWMAN IV



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#### COMMERCIAL PROPERTY CONTRACT

THIS IS (MYENDED TO BE A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT. YOU MAY WANT LEGAL ADVICE BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration of the mutual premises contained herein, the undersigned Seiler agrees to sell to the undersigned Buyer, who agrees to buy, the herein described property on the terms and conditions stated below and on the reverse hereof. Both Buyer and Seller acknowledge that the undersigned OROKER is the procuring cause of this sale.

1.	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: City of Jackson, County of Hinds, State of Mississippi, real property described as 2807 Old Canton Road, Jackson, MS 39216., Tax Parcel No. 47-6, consisting +/- 11,500 square foot building.		
2,	PRICE: The purchase price of the property is firm		
à.	Payable as follows: Certified or Cashlers Check at closeout, subject to adjustments and pro-rations.  725,000  CERTAIN COSTS PAID BY: (S for Seller; B for Buyer; N/A if not applicable): Discount: S Origination Fee; S Approisal: S Survey: S Attorney's Fee Including Certificate of Title and transfer instrument: S Loan Title Insurance:  1 Loan Transfer Fee: S Prepaid and Eacrow Items: S Other Closing Costs: S		
4,	DEPOSIT: Buyer has deposited with Broker Speed Commercial Real Estate, LLC the sum of \$\int \begin{align*} \tilde{\text{\text{\text{Poleouty} 000,000}}  cash/check as earnest money, which will be held in a non-interest bearing account. The same is to be applied to the cash down payment on closing of this transaction. Should Buyer require approval for a specified loan for any part of the purchase price, and after applying therefore in good faith, be unable to secure such loan, then the earnest money shall be returned in full to Buyer.		
5,	a. CLOSING DATE: On or before 4705/18 . POSSESSION WITH DEED		
6.	COMMISSION: Soller of property sold under this contract agrees to pay Broker Speed Commercial Real Estate, LLC per separate agreement.		
7.	INSURANCE: Buyer shall provide new policies at closing.		
8.	PRORATION: Property taxes are to be prorated as of the closing date. Security deposits, advance rentals or considerations involving future loose credits, shall be credited to Buyer as of the closing date.		
9.	SPECIAL PROVISIONS:  b. Buyer shall have Thirty (30) days from effective date of this contract to perform all due diligence and inspections, which shall include, but not be limited to, confirmation of all governmental and zoning and permitting requirements.  b. Closing shall be within Thirty (3D) days of the end of due diligence and inspection period.		
Initials of	Parties; Duyer WWB Buyer Selfer CH Selfer		

- 10. TITLE AND CONVEYANCE: Seller is to convey by General Warranty Deed or Lease Assignment (a) apprepriate) and provide Buyer with a Certificate of Title propared by an attorney upon whose Certificate Title Insurance may be obtained from a title insurance company qualified to do and doing business in the State of Mississippi. Seller shall, prior to or at closing, satisfy all outstanding martgages, deeds of trust and special liens affecting the subject property which are not specifically assumed by Buyer herein. Title shall be good an marketable, subject only to the following Items recorded in the Chancery Clerk's office of said County: easements without encroachments, applicable coning ordinances, protective coverants and prior mineral reservations; otherwise Buyer, at his option, may either: (a) If defects cannot be cured by designated closing date, cancel this contract, in which case all earnest money deposited shall be returned, (b) accept title as is, or (c) if the defects are of such character that they can be remedied by legal action within a reasonable time, permit Seller such reasonable time to perform his curative work at Seller's expense. In the event that the curative work is performed by Seller, the time specified herein for closing of this sale shall be extended for a reasonable period necessary for such action. Seller represents that the property may be legally used as zoned and that no government agency has served any notice requiring repairs, alterations or corrections of any existing condition except so stated herein.
- 21. BREACH OF CONTRACT: Specific performance is the essence of this contract, except as otherwise specifically provided for in paragraphs 4, 10 and 16 hereof and as further delinested below:
  - a. In the event of breach of this contract by Buyer, Seller at his option may either: (1) accept the earnest money deposit as figuldated damages and this contract shall then be null and void; or (2) enter suit in any court of competent jurisdiction for damages, giving credit on said damages for the sale earnest money deposit; or (3) enter suit in any court of competent jurisdiction for specific performance. If Seller accepts the earnest money deposit as liquidated damages, or if Seller litigates for additional damages in any court of law, Broker shall be paid one half (1/2) of the earnest money deposit, or damages awarded, but not to exceed the full commission provided herein. If Seller succeeds in a suit for specific performance, Broker shall be paid the full commission by Seller.
  - b. In the event of breach of contract by Sezer, Buyer at his option may either: (1) accept the return of the earnest money deposit and cancel the contract; or (2) enter suit for damages in any court of competent jurisdiction; or (3) enter suit is any court of competent jurisdiction for specific performance. In the event of breach of contract by Seller, Broker shall be paid the full commission by Seller regardless of any action taken by Buyer.
  - c. If it becomes necessary to insure the performance of the conditions of this contract for either party to hire legal counsel, then the defaulting party agrees to pay reasonable attorney's fees and costs in connection therewith.
- 12. SURVIVAL OF CONTRACT: All express representations, warranties and covenants contained herein shall survive closing except where herein specified to the contrary. All other contractual obligations shall terminate with the closing.
- \*\* 13. CONDITION OF PROPERTY AND ACCEPTANCE: Buyer hereby represents that he has personally inspected and examined the above mentioned premises and all improvements thereon and accepts the property in its "as is" and present condition. Buyer hereby acknowledges that unless otherwise set forth in writing elsewhere in this contract neither Broker nor Seller nor their representatives have made any representations concerning the present or past structural condition of the property. Buyer also hereby agrees that he will not hold either Broker or Seller or their representatives responsible or liable for any present or future structural problems or damage to said property. Subject To Dre Dillicence Pacylsians IN SECTION 9 "EFECIAL PROVISIONS" OF THIS ACCEPTANT. ACCUEST.
  - 14. RISK OF LOSS: This contract is further conditioned upon delivery of the improvements in their present condition and in the event of material damage by fire or otherwise, before closing. Buyer may declare this contract void and shall be untilled to the return of his earnest money, or Buyer may elect to complete the transaction in accordance with this contract provided the property is restored by Seller at Seller's expense prior to closing. Seller agrees to keep the subject property insured against fire and extended coverage risks until closing.
  - 15. RESPONSIBILITY OF BROKER: This instrument contains all of the terms of this sale, and no representations have been made by anyone other than are herein contained. No agent or representative of Broker has any power to make any representations as to the property or any statement, unless and except fully embadied herein in writing. Broker assumes no responsibility for the performance of this contract by either party hereto or for the condition of the subject property.
  - 16. AGREEMENT OF PARTIES: This contract incorporates all prior agreements between the parties, contains the entire and final agreement of the parties, and cannot be changed except by their written consent. Neither party has relied upon any statement or representation made by the other party or the sales representative bringing the parties together not contained herein. Neither party shall be bound by any terms, conditions, oral statements, warranties, or representations not herein contained. Each party acknowledges that he has read and understands this contract. The provisions of this contract shall apply to and bind the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the respective parties hereto. Gender and

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number, as herein used, shall be changed as the context may require. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Mississippi. If any provision of this contract is invalid or unenforceable, the other provisions herein shall remain in full force and effect and shall be liberally construed in order to effectuate the purpose and intent of this contract. Each party hereby acknowledges receipt of a duplicate original hereof.

- 17. BUYER'S STATEMENT: Duyer hereby acknowledges and fully understands that Broker, the tisting broker, and their associates are all the agents of Seller and have a fiduciary duty to represent the interests of Seller. While broker and his associates must deal with Buyer honestly and fairly, they are not the agents of Buyer and do not represent the Interests of Buyer. If Buyer considers it necessary, he should seek the advice and representation of a lawyer or another real estate broker or both. Buyer hereby acknowledges that he has been advised by Broker of the protection offered by owner's title insurance. Buyer acknowledges further that he has not received or relied upon any statements or representations regarding the effect of this transaction upon Buyer's tox or legal liability, the size or condition of the property, previous flooding or the presence of urea formaldehyde insulation, raden gas, asbestes containing material, or any form of hazardous material, and agrees to hold Broker harmiess from any liability with regard to these items, conditions or statements. Buyer further acknowledges that he has been encouraged to secure a third-party inspection of the property to verify its condition.
- 18. SELLER'S STATEMENT: The offer stated herein is hereby accepted and Seller agrees to sell the herein described property on the terms and conditions set forth herein. Seller agrees to pay Broker a commission for services rendered as set forth in the Listing Agreement in affect between Seller and Broker. If Broker collects this commission or any part thereof through legal action, Seller agrees to pay court costs and reasonable attorney's fees. This agreement shall not limit the rights of Broker as set forth in said Usting Agreement, and said Listing Agreement is extended through the dosing date of this contract or any other renegotiated contract between the parties hereto or their assigns. Any commission or fee due hereunder shall be earned and payable upon presentation of Buyer ready, willing and able at and price and terms acceptable to Seller, although Broker agrees to accept said commission or fee at closing as an accommodation to Seller. Seller hereby acknowledges that he has not received or refled upon any statements or representations regarding the effect of this transaction upon Seller's tax or legal liability, or the enforceability of any due-on-sale clauses in any existing loan documents, and agrees to hold Broker harmless from any liability with regard to same.
- 19. CHANGES DURING TRANSACTION: While this transaction is pending, Seller agrees that no changes in the existing leases or rental agreements shall be made, no new leases or rental agreements entered into, nor shall any substantial alterations or repairs be made or undertaken without written consent of Buyer.

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BUYER: MICHAEL W. BREPNER- Print Name:	EI# 46-5642826 Phone 600-859-6291 WBA INVESTMENTS, LLC
City Jackson State MS	Date 9.4.18
Seller: Rainbow Natural Grocery  By: Betn Henry  Thilo: Vice President	E1#Phone (601-624-948)
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#### EXHIBIT A LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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A tract of land located in part of Lots C and G ISHAM CADE SURVEY a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at lockson, Mississippi, in Plat Book B, Page 7, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description and being situated in the West One-half (W 1/2) of Section 26, Township 6 North, Range 1 Has, Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, containing 0.474 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point where the West line of Old Canton Road intersects the South line of Fondren Place, run thence Southerly along the West line of Old Canton Road 80,00 feet to the Northeast corner of that parcel conveyed to Standard Life Insurance Company of the South as recorded in Deed Book 630 at Page 49 of the Chancery Records of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the property herein described.

Standard Life Insurance Company of the South parcel for a distance of 279.0 feet to a point, said point being further described as the Northwest corner of an existing building; thence turn left through an angle of 90 degrees and run Southarty 38.0 feet; then turn right through an angle of 90 degrees and run Southarty 38.0 feet; then turn right through an angle of 90 degrees and run Southerty 12.7 feet; thence turn left through an angle of 90 degrees and run Southerty 12.7 feet; thence turn left through an angle of 90 degrees and run Routherty 21.3 feet to the Southwest corner of an existing building and the Southeast corner of afteressid Standard Life Insurance Company of the South parcel; thetice turn left through an engle of 90 degrees and run easterly along the South line of an existing building and building line extended, said line being the South line of aforesaid Standard Life Insurance Company of the South parcel, for a distance of 291.7 feet to the West line of Old Canton Road; thence turn left through an angle of 90 degrees and run Northerly along the West line of Old Canton Road; 20 feet to the FOINT OF BEGINNING.

#### TRACT II

That certain property situated in Hinds County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

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Reginning at a point which is the intersection of Fondren Place and Old Canton Road (previously known and referred to as Canton Aversie), as said streets are now lidd out and improved in the City of Tackson, run South along the West line of said Old Canton Road, a distance of 79,95 feet, more or less, to the North line of that parcel of property conveyed to the Standard Life Insurance Company of the South in Deed Book 630 at Page 49; and later conveyed to Mississippi Blood Services, Inc., in Deed Book 3160, at Page 158; run thence Westerly along the North line of said property 271.712 feet, more or less, to a point which is the Northwest (N.W.) corner of a brick store building now located and in place on said property, which said point is the Point of Beginning for the description of the property herein conveyed; thence run South 39.03 feet, more or less, along the West edge of said store building to the North edge of a Westerly projection in said building; thence run West of feet is inches, more or less, to the Northwest edge of said Westerly projection; thence, run South along said building edge 12 feet 3 inches to a point; thence run West along the North edge of another Westerly projection of said building 6 feet to a point; thence, run South along said edge 21 feet 4 inches to a point which is the Southwest (S.W.) corner of the property previously conveyed to the Standard Life Insurance Company of the South in said Deed Book 630 at Page 49; and thereafter conveyed to Mississippi Blood Services, Inc., in Deed Book 1160 at Page 158; run thence Westerly a distance of 15.8 feet, more or less, to a concrete curb; thence run Northerly along said concrete curb 73 feet, more or less, to a point which is the Southwest (S.W.) corner of that parcet of property conveyed by Charles H. Russell, Edizabeth B. Newman and Katherine Rhymes Speed to F. P. Hempfill; theoce run Easterly along the Scath line of said Hemphill Property a distance of 27,56 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

